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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK PROTEST TO AUSTRIANS OVER HELICOPTER
INCIDENT

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1. LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST 25TH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SPACIL
HANDED AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR PASCH A NOTE PROTESTING THAT
"HOSTILE ACTS" WERE CARRIED OUT IN THE CSSR FROM AUSTRIAN
TERRITORY. THE NOTE REFERRED TO THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE SPECIAL
SESSION OF THE CSSR AUSTRIAN BORDER COMMISSION AND, AS
PROMISED BY SPACIL AT TIME OF PRESEMOATION, WAS PUBLISHED
(WITHOUT COMMENTARY) ON PAGE ONE OF AUGUST 26 RUDE PRAVO.

2. ACCORDING TO AUSTRIAN EMBOFF WESSELY, IASCH RESPONDED
TO SPACIL THAT THE GOC WAS MAKING A MOUNTAINSRUT OF A MOLEHILL
BUT INFORMED HIM AT SAME TIME, THAT AUSTRIANS HAD RAISED THE
MATTER WITH THE FRG IN BONN. PASCH REQUESTED THAT THE NOTE NOT
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BE PUBLISHED, BUT SPACIL REFUSED.

3. WESSELY ADDED THAT IN AUGUST 21-22 MEETINGS OF THE BORDER COMMISSION IN CESKE BUDEVICE, AUSTRIAN POSITION WAS THAT

PREVENTION OF THE INCIDENT BY AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES WAS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE, THAT IF OC ITSELF WAS UNABLE TO PREVENT THE HELICOPTER INCURSIONS OVER ITS FRONTIERS HOW WAS AUSTRIA TO PREVENT THUK OVER AUSTRIAN FRONTIERS? NEVERTHELESS, ASSURANCES WERE GIVEN THAT AUSTRIANS WOULD TRY TO PREVENT REPETITIONS OF THE INCIDENT.

4. IN PAST SEVERAL DAYS CZECH PRESS REPORTING OF INCIDENT HAS PICKED UP SOMEWHAT, LINKING THE VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL BORDERS WITH THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT AND PUBLISHING "SPONTANEOUS" LETTERS FROM IRATE CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS PROTESTING THE VIOLATIONS OF CZECHOSLOVAK SOVEREIGNTH.
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